

ARABS ATTACK POLICE DEPOT Coldstream Guard Fight 30-Minute Battle

**The Wangs
Weren't A
Loving Lot**

Peiping, Dec. 14.

Nobody seemed very fond

of anyone else in the Wang

family.

Sister Lien Hsiung, a

middle school student, was

not liked by the mother and

resented it. So she had her

mother arrested as an opium

smoker—a crime punishable

by death.

Older sister Yu Hsiung, a

Catholic University student,

did not like her brother's

young wife. So she publicly

accused her of adultery.

The wife, Liu Shu-juan,

decided she did not like any

of them. So yesterday she

killed both sisters with an

axe and hung herself.

She left a letter to her

husband saying she planned

to axe him too—only he

was not home.

He never did like home

much, he later told the

police. —United Press.

Bus Strike Is Still Deadlocked

The bus strike on the Island entered its fourth day yesterday without either side making any move to effect a settlement.

It is understood that the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, has, with a view to the early settlement of the strike, invited the Chairman of the Motor Car Drivers Association, Mr. Lau Wai-hin, and four representatives of the strikers, to a conference at his office this morning.

A report on the events leading up to the strike was made last night at a mass meeting of strikers, held at the Kowloon Branch of the Motor Car Drivers Association in Bute Street.

PRESS CENSORSHIP AT HAVANA TRADE TALKS

Havana, Dec. 14.

Conference ruled today that Press coverage of sub-committee meetings henceforth will be limited to communiques prepared by the United Nations Information Department previously censored by the chairman of the group involved.

The decision of the conference's General Committee dealt a blow to the defenders of unrestricted Press coverage—the United States and India.

Opposed to full Press coverage were Britain, Norway, Australia, France, New Zealand, Switzerland and China.

United States' Chair, Wilcox, stated that some delegation seemingly approved of a "complete news blackout."

Mr. Wilcox spoke after Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand, had said he would be "perfectly satisfied" if there was a press coverage at all "for the next two months."

Opposition. The opposition speakers, led by Britain, argued that the conference was bound by the rules

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28 More Deaths On Palestine Record

Jerusalem, Dec. 14.

Arab members of the Najaada military organisation raided a Palestine Police arms depot at Raleh at midnight last night.

They stole hundreds of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition and fought a 30-minute battle with the Coldstream Guards, in which one British officer was wounded. An official announcement said the Arabs brought three trucks to the depot and removed 400 rifles, three Bren guns, six Sten guns and 60,000 rounds of ammunition.

One of the trucks attempted to run the roadblock set up by the Coldstream Guards and the Arabs finally abandoned it after an hour's battle.

A second truck was also stopped and three Arabs captured.

In the two trucks the British troops of 177 rifles, three Bren guns and six Sten guns.

The third truck, which apparently carried most of the loot, escaped.

In Jerusalem an 18-year-old Arab boy was killed and another Arab wounded when Jews threw grenades into a bus running to Mount Scopus.

A bomb exploded in a Jewish shop in Haifa with no casualties. In Jaffa the police detonated two unexploded bombs found in a theatre.

New Chinese Postal Rates Quashed

Nanking, Dec. 14.

After a heated discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Yuan, it was finally announced that the increase of postal rates put into effect since December 11 will be considered void.

The Control Yuan recently censured the motion of increasing postal rates by the Executive Yuan on the ground that the latter has no legal rights to readjust postal rates without the confirmation of the Legislative Yuan although it was empowered to do so by the State Council. —Central News.

The professional groups included doctors, lawyers, journalists and union leaders, each delegation carrying its own flags. —United Press.

**WILL FYFFE
IS DEAD**

Saint Andrews, Dec. 14.

Will Fyffe, 62-year-old Scottish comedian who created the song "I belong to Glasgow" died in hospital here early today.

He was seriously injured yesterday when he fell 20 feet from a window of the hotel where he was convalescing after an operation for mastoids.

He landed heavily on a wooden platform and was taken to hospital with multiple injuries.

It was believed that his fall might have been due to a dizzy spell. —Reuter.

H.K. Named As 'Hub Of Sino-Japan Trading'

Hong Kong is now deriving the benefits of devious Sino-Japanese trade, Mr. Tang Chu-sheng, Chinese commercial delegate to Japan, said in an interview with the Shanghai *Ta Kung Pao* today.

Mr. Tang said that a considerable amount of Japanese-made luxuries, the importation of which was banned in China, were now pouring into Hong Kong and from there being smuggled into China.

Chinese exportable commodities find their way to Japan through the same channels, he added.

Mr. Tang said the volume of Japanese trade with Hong Kong was on the increase.

The resumption of direct Sino-

*Position In Palestine
An Arab Mob Gathers To
Loot Jewish Shops*



Macao Puts Ban On Gold And Platinum

As forecast a few days ago by the "China Mail," the Macao Government on Saturday clamped down on free imports and exports of gold and platinum which from now on are subject to permit, tax and other restrictions.

Announcing this in an official document, the Portuguese authorities emphasized that the restrictions imposed were unavoidable since continuance of free imports and exports of gold would inevitably have unfavourable repercussions on Macao's economy, it was reported yesterday from Macao.

The US dollar exchange that the importer will have to sell to the Portuguese Bank will be based on the Government-fixed rate of US\$35 per ounce of gold, and payable to the Bank on the date of the arrival of the gold in Macao.

Before an import permit is issued, the importer must deposit 10 per cent of the value of his imports in the Portuguese Bank as a guarantee.

Transit Permits will not be issued for amounts under 50,000 ounces for gold and \$4 per ounce for platinum—the tax being payable in advance of the issuance of a permit.

Kept in Macao for more than 48 hours, transit gold will be automatically considered as imports into Macao and dealt with accordingly.

Official permission must also be obtained for exporting gold from Macao with the date fixed beforehand.

The importer will be paid in Portuguese currency, based on the exchange rate prevailing on the date the transaction takes place.

JAP MINISTER MAKES PLEA FOR SOCIALISM

Osaka, Dec. 14.

Japanese Foreign Minister, Hitoshi Ashida, warned in a speech here today that only socialistic policies would be capable of meeting Japanese labour's demands.

"If the Social Democratic Party is unable to tide over the labour offensive, it means that only the Communist Party can," he said.

According to Kyodo News Agency, Ashida added: "Under existing circumstances in Japan we cannot expect to see the Communist Party in the saddle."

Ashida, a Conservative Democrat in Social Democratic Prime Minister, Tetsu Katayama's

Condition Government, asserted: "There is no alternative for the country but to implement the Socialistic policies to tackle the labour offensive."

Demands The "labour offensive" to which Ashida referred were the special living demands, my Government and public employees, not to do, to the Japan, that the problem was not fully settled.

He said that Japanese production was now about 40 per cent of the 1930-34 level.

Therefore there was no immediate solution of Japanese market.

The resumption of direct Sino-

Factions Again Clash In Chinese Govt.

Nanking, Dec. 14.

Factional strife within the Kuomintang, which subsided appreciably following Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's exhortations to Party members to work for Party unity at the recent fourth plenary session of the Central Kuomintang, has burst out again.

The jockeying of several influential members for presidency of the Legislative Yuan has fast approached a crucial stage.

Personal friends say he may aspire to the job.

Appropriation

Meanwhile, the Office of the Comptroller-General in charge of the national budget has authorized an additional appropriation of nearly CN\$200,000,000 to cover deficits of all Central Government offices for the current fiscal year ending December 31, but has rejected a Legislative Yuan proposal for the institution of a cost-of-living system in paying Government employees on the ground that "it would be too heavy a financial burden for the Government." —Associated Press.

Ta Kung Pao Comes Back To H.K.

China's influential daily, "Ta Kung Pao," will shortly be published in Hong Kong, it was learned yesterday.

Discussions are now in progress for premises—the Tsan Ho Bank, which closed its doors more than three months ago.

The "Ta Kung Pao" was first published in Tientsin.

When the Sino-Japanese war broke out, the newspaper was moved to Hong Kong and later to Kwei-ling when Hong Kong was occupied.

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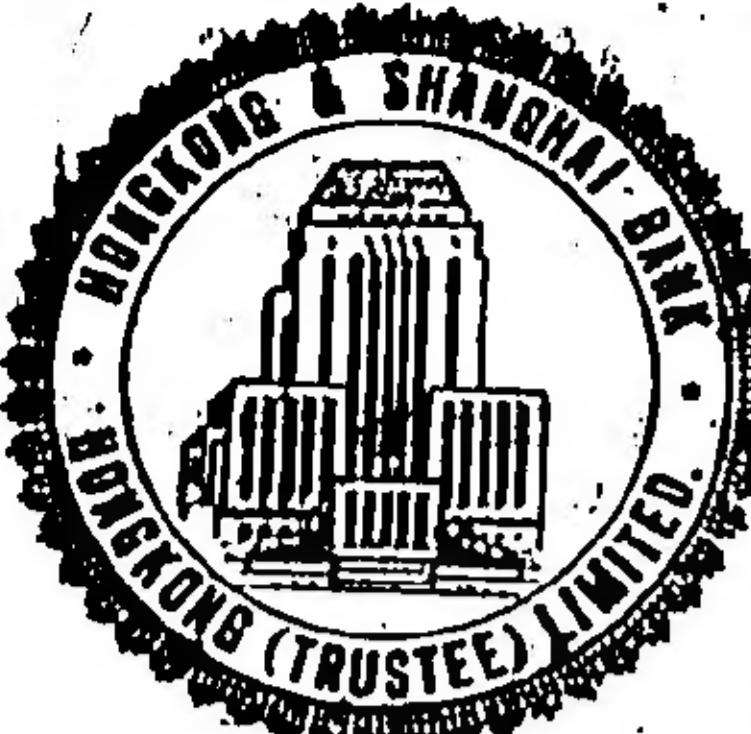
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WHO WILL BE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YUAN?

Nanking, Dec. 14. With the election of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President of the Republic a certainty when the National Assembly convenes early next year, interest today centered around the question of who will get the Vice-Presidency and the influential post of President of the Legislative Yuan.

Generalissimo than any other individual in China.

Chen has been frequently mentioned lately as possible President of the Legislative Yuan.

His appointment is said to be strongly opposed by Premier Chang Chun and members of his Political Science group who represent the chief counterbalance to Chen's so-called "CC clique" within the Government.

Dr. Sun, also opposed Chen's getting the post because he wants to keep it himself along with the Vice-Presidency.

He is known to feel that the Vice-Presidency alone would give him too little influence in the Government.

If reports that Chen Li-fu is

angling for the post of President of the Resident Legislative Yuan are correct, it represents a change of his tactics over the past several years, during which he has been inclined to wield his great power from the background rather than stepping into the limelight of top government posts.

Question Mark

The biggest question mark a possible reshuffle is powerful Chen Li-fu, who is reputed to have more influence with the

Generalissimo than any other individual in China.

Chen has been frequently

The Buses Still Stand Idle



Hong Kong's bus strike is still dragging on and neither side seems ready to make a move for settlement.

In the meantime, city-goers pack on to crowded trams and buses lie idle.

Here are some of the buses. They are standing in front of the main station at Causeway Bay.—China Mail Photo.

THE MAGIC CIRCLE IS FULL OF MYSTERIES

If you have an ink-stained handkerchief which defies the usual stain-removers, hand it over to Mr. Jack Emerson, of the Royal Navy. Within a couple of minutes you'll get it back without the stains.

At least that was what happened at the meeting of the Hong Kong Magic Circle, held at P. & G. Building last night.

All that was necessary was to put the handkerchief into a "Lixi fukko box, shake the box a couple of times, and—presto! the ink-stains went."

Another trick performed by Mr. Emerson was joining three cut pieces of a cord together to make them into a continuous string, without any knots whatsoever.

Mr. P.J. Crosbie gave a few demonstrations of escapology.

In one of his "acts," Mr. Crosbie divested himself of his coat and turned his waistcoat back to front.

His wrists were tied by two pieces of cord which were, in turn, tied at his back.

The President (Mr. F.M. Gersberg) entertained the members with a knot trick.

Four articles (obtained from those present) were tied separately to a cord, the ends of which were, after having been passed through the sleeves of a jacket, held by Messrs. Hefty and Desai.

The articles were then "untied" in the order named by the spectators, and the cord united, pulled through the sleeves.

Serious

The entertainment was preceded by the more serious business of the Society (Mr. J.M. Bradley, reading the minutes of the Inaugural meeting, and reporting on the meeting of the Committee held on Dec. 10).

In the latter it was decided that members' wives would be admitted to membership without payment of entrance fee but on payment of the usual monthly subscriptions.

It was also decided that there would be no honorary members but that visiting magicians (whether professionals or amateurs) would be invited to make use of the Club and to attend its meetings.

Thirdly, the Committee decided to request Mr. Crosbie to submit a design for the crest of the Hong Kong Magic Circle.

Mr. Bradley also stated that the Circle had been offered the use of the Cosmo Club premises, free of charge. The only stipulation was that 25 per cent. of the members of the Circle should also become members of the Club.

On the proposal of Mr. Burge it was decided that there should be only the business meeting of the Circle monthly, and that the weekly meetings should take the form of socials and get-togethers.

The next meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. at the Cosmo Club on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Japanese Girls Are Worried

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

The imminent arrival of the New Year has all the Japanese girls who are hunting husbands, very worried. Every one of them will be one year older on January 1.

A baby is considered one year old the day he is born. Even if he happens to be born on December 31, he becomes two years old on January 1.

That may be two days old in Hong Kong but it is two years old in Japan.

The information about the worried ladies scurrying for year-end husbands comes from Maano Sasaki, 33-year-old bachelorette.

She works in a private "mating" agency operating under the alluring name of "marriage salvation."

Sasaki had completely overlooked the New Year age boost until one of his clients, told him to "hurry up and get her a husband this month."

"It'll be one year older with the New Year and one wee little year can ruin a girl's aspirations and ambitions," she said.

Sasaki thumbed his index cards, listing the women and men ready to pay solid cash fees for the right sort of well-fixed mate.

Mostly there were people in difficulty as a result of the war. The old solid families, with strong family ties, still do their own match-making.

Sasaki read aloud from a card: "WANTED WIFE: — One with 500,000-yen assets. Appearance disregarded. Applicant describes self as 40 years old, open hearted and trying hard to re-establish his business."

Sasaki shrugged: "Probably a director of a block market."—Associated Press.

German POW Still Has His Souvenir

Fremantle, Dec. 14. A German prisoner of war who was on his way back to Britain today after a three-day stay in Australia, still has in his possession a pound note which he had when he escaped from Thirkleby camp in Yorkshire, seven weeks ago.

He was Ulrich Johannes Lagemann, who was arrested for looting on Fremantle Esplanade early yesterday morning and today appeared before a Fremantle police court.

The police said that when first arrested, Lagemann stated that his name was John Thomas and that he had recently arrived in Australia from Chile.

Lagemann was said to have been born at Nettleton, Westphalia. When arrested, he had no money except an English pound note which he said he had had ever since his escape. The authorities refused him permission to stay and he was put back on board the Asturial which sailed today.—Reuters.

CHINESE REDS READY FOR LONG BATTLE

Shanghai, Dec. 14. Two Americans who recently emerged from a long stay in the Chinese Communist areas in Hopei and Shantung provinces, told Associated Press today that the Reds are economically and militarily equipped to carry on their struggle with the Government for "at least two more years — and very likely more."

Reminders

Today

Shek-O Development Co., Ltd. meeting, Jockey Club Board Room, Exchange Bldg., 3.15 p.m.

Official Opening of local Branch of Central Trust of China, Pedder St., 10 a.m.

Appreciation Group meeting, European YMCA, Ladies Lounge, 8 p.m.

Painting Exhibitions by T.P. Lau, St. Francis' Hotel.

Oil & Water paintings & wood cuts exhibition by Teh Wei, Hahn Po, Fong Ching and Sheng Ts-chun, St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Paintings exhibition by T.P. Lau, St. Francis' Hotel, Queen's Road, C.

Prize Giving, Kowloon Junior School, Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.

Reception commemorating 70th anniversary of China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

Lecture on UNO by Mr. G.B. Endecott, sponsored by International Affairs Committee of H.K. Council of Women, YMCA, Duddell St., 4.30 p.m.

Rotary Club closed meeting for members, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hold a closed meeting for members only tomorrow in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

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Associated Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.30 p.m.—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra and The Merry Macs.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Songs that have sold a Million.

1.30 p.m.—Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studior Hospital Request Hall.

6.00 p.m.—Presented by Holmes, Brown.

6.30 p.m.—Studior Rudy-Dias and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—Relay World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio "A" Like, What I Like.

7.15 p.m.—Presented by Eddie Bond.

7.45 p.m.—Gloria Estefan on "Fashion's Edge."

8.00 p.m.—Relay News.

8.15 p.m.—Studio "A" Talk by the Rev.

Father T.F. Ryan, B.J. "Great Old Masters."

8.45 p.m.—Beethoven, Symphony No. 4.

9.00 p.m.—"Flat Major," I.B.C. Sym.

9.15 p.m.—"Democracy for Everybody," Miss Greta Garbo.

9.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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THE KREMLIN'S STRATEGY

Concentrating On The Marshall Plan

BAOC STRIKE THREAT

Bournemouth, Dec. 14. About 80 radio officers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, serving on York and Lancaster aircraft, are threatening an unofficial strike next Tuesday, which may ground planes services to Africa, the Middle East, Singapore and Australia.

The men's grievance is that they are expected to live in the Bournemouth area because these planes are maintained and serviced at the neighbouring Hurn airport, while most of them have to keep up homes in other parts of the country. They are seeking extra living allowances.—Reuter.

Truman Assurance To Italy

WASHINGTON, DEC. 14. PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAID TODAY THAT WHILE UNITED STATES TROOPS WERE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM ITALY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" FOR MAINTAINING PEACE THERE SHOULD ITALY'S INDEPENDENCE BE THREATENED IN FUTURE.

About 1,600 American troops, all that remain of several hundred thousand at the time of the Italian armistice, are due to sail from Leghorn tomorrow in the army transport "Admiral Sims."

In connection with the withdrawal, the President issued a statement which said: "Although the United States is withdrawing its troops from Italy in fulfillment of its obligations under the treaty of peace, this country continues its interest in the preservation of a free and independent Italy."

President Truman added: "If in the course of events it is becoming apparent that the freedom and independence of Italy, upon which the peace settlement is based, are being threatened directly or indirectly, the United States, as a signatory of the peace treaty and as a member of the United Nations, will be obliged to consider what measures would be appropriate for the maintenance of peace and security."—Reuter.

17 KILLED IN RAIL CRASH

Clermont-Ferrand, Dec. 14. Seventeen were killed and 20 injured when a train struck a small trolley car near here. Six of the injured were reported to be in a critical condition.

Clermont-Ferrand is near Lyons in south central France.—United Press.

"Christian General" Attacks Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 14. American opponents of further United States aid to China today received support from General Feng Yu-hsiang, who termed such proposed assistance "useless and dangerous."

The one-time "Christian general" arrived here for his second visit during a lengthy tour of the United States studying water projects.

Sent abroad by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who was reported to be anxious to keep him outside the Chinese political picture, Feng unhesitatingly criticised the Nanking administration and urged further American efforts to mediate the Chinese civil war. "He said no Chinese would act in civil war."—Associated Press.

"JANE"



Good Long-Term Investment?

London, Dec. 14. The grand strategy of Russian diplomacy and of International Communist action bears all the signs of concentrating on the overthrow of the Marshall plan to restore economic stability and political equilibrium in Europe.

Seen from this angle, even the French Government's victory over the Communist-led strikes can be explained away as a hollow triumph.

If, as the French Communists have claimed, the dislocation in French production caused by the strikes is such that it already renders out of date the Marshall programme of interim aid to France, then the loss of Communist prestige which must follow the return to work in France will have been a good long-term Communist investment.

Moscow, in cancelling the repatriation arrangement with France, has lost no time in turning the heat on her by a public demonstration of Russian displeasure, probably with the aim of keeping French public opinion in a state of agitation which will hinder France's efforts towards an economic recovery.

If France and Italy—the keys to the first phase in the Marshall plan—can be kept in a depressed economic state during the coming months, two Soviet objectives will have been achieved.

Confusion

1.—The maintenance of economic confusion in all those parts of Europe outside the sphere of direct Soviet influence.

2.—The chance to build up the economy inside the Soviet sphere to a point where the Eastern European countries would have a real exportable surplus of food by next year.

If these aims are secured, then Western Europe may be tempted to look increasingly behind the Iron curtain as a substitute source of dollar imports at a moment when the second phase of the Marshall plan is due to be getting into operation.

These arguments are being used by French Communists to justify their recent action in France, even though this has resulted in a temporary defeat. Some of them even go so far as to claim that Communism in France can increasingly afford to ignore electoral propaganda, since Russia is winning the struggle for political influence in Germany, and with an eventually Commissar Germany, France will no longer be in a position to resist joining the Soviet sphere of influence.

Concerted Scheme

This highly speculative reasoning is unlikely to convince political observers here until at least some of the conditions upon which it rests have been fulfilled in practice.

It is, however, interesting as a plausible explanation of how the alternating tactics of Moscow, operating simultaneously through direct diplomatic action, form part of a concerted scheme to thwart the success of the Marshall plan and extend Russia's sphere of influence throughout Europe.

In this connection, American and French reactions to the successful turn of the Anglo-Soviet trade talks, coming on the heels of the Soviet suspension of the commercial negotiations with France and the American decision to discontinue the export of machinery to Russia, are likely to be cool.

Rocket Leaflets Their Plan

MADRID, DEC. 14. FOURTEEN STUDENTS, MOSTLY UNDER 20 AND INCLUDING TWO GIRLS, WERE CHARGED AT A MADRID COURT-MARTIAL TODAY WITH ATTEMPTING TO FORM AGAIN THE REPUBLICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FEDERATION.

The prosecutor asked for sentences ranging from six years to six months.

The prosecution claimed that they were preparing to spread propaganda over Madrid by rocket.

Two of the students, Manuel Lamana and Eleuterio Lopez, studied at the French Lycee in Madrid and were prefects there, the prosecution said. Lamana had propaganda leaflets in his room, it was claimed.

The charges followed the discovery early this year of hand grenades, bombs, explosives and "revolutionary literature" at the Lycee.

A police statement after the search named Lamana, Lopez and another as "the most outstanding of those responsible". At that time the police described them as teachers.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 14. During the past month 900 German girls have arrived in Britain to be married. Several hundred more are expected next week.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP AGROUND

Jacksonville, Dec. 14. The British motor vessel "Deliverance" ran aground in heavy weather today off Ponte Vedra Beach, near here, and appeared to be in danger of breaking up.

The skipper, Captain William King, and eight of the crew remained on board the vessel, which operates in the regular service between Bermuda and Jacksonville. While a ninth man swam ashore for assistance.

SECRET AGENT'S NAME CLEARED

London, Dec. 14. The Foreign Office last night issued a statement clearing the name of a British Secret Service agent, whose bullet-riddled body was found in a disused well at Tanus Village, near Toulouse.

It said: "As a result of inquiries in France last summer by the French authorities in conjunction with Scotland Yard, it was established that the body found in a disused well at Tanus in June 1943 was that of Captain Christopher James Lord who disappeared in May 1943 while engaged on a clandestine military mission under orders of the War Office.

Post mortems showed that death was caused by heat produced by high frequency waves, but above audible range.

Mice exposed for only half a minute survived, but others, whose fur had been removed before the test, succumbed within two and a half minutes. Yellow fever mosquitoes, cockroaches, caterpillars, blowflies, and mealworms were similarly killed.

All protection scientists wore ear-plugs, but in placing objects in the soundfield and retrieving them finger and hands were burned.—Our Own Correspondent.

REUTER MAN DEAD

London, Dec. 14. Sir Basil Clarke, journalist, war correspondent and publicist, died here today at the age of 68.

Sir Basil was war correspondent for Reuter at British Army headquarters during the later battles of the Somme, in the first World War.—Reuter.

Greece "Saved From Big Disaster"

Athens, Dec. 13. The United States mission for aid to Greece claimed tonight that it had succeeded in saving Greece from a "national disaster which threatened her at the time American aid was requested," in its report on United States help.

Greece had been saved "from the brink of subjugation by a militarily armed minority," the report said, but "the critical military and economic situation will take time to repair."

The four-fold battle against guerrillas, starvation, suffering and inflation still required unity, sacrifices and a tremendous effort on the part of the Greek people, the report said.

Disclosing that the Greek Army had received 70,000 tons of military supplies between August

BRITAIN TO PULL OUT BEFORE MAY 15

London, Dec. 13. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that Britain had made it clear that May 15 was the latest date by which Britain would hand over her mandate for Palestine.

If negotiations with the United Nations moved more quickly than he thought and an earlier date could be fixed, Britain would do so.

May 15 as the date of the surrender of the mandate had been fixed after careful consideration.

Mr. Bevin added: "We felt that if we fixed the date earlier, matters would not be completed. An earlier date might cause heavy loss and, after what we have put into Palestine in the last 30 years, I do not see why we should have such a loss."

The Foreign Secretary added that if a speedup was possible, it would be done.

Saying that there was no obligation on Britain to change the immigration quota, Mr. Bevin warned Jews that if they encouraged illegal immigration it would be regarded as a provocative act. "I say to Jews advisedly that they should leave it alone until the new state is set up."

Between then and the withdrawal the Government is expected to clear Cyprus because it could not have illegal immigrants on British territory after that time.

It had been decided to withdraw the Arab Legion from Palestine at the same time as the British forces. Priority was given to the removal of women.

"Wired and bonded foundation garments, the binding skirts, throw the body out of line, weaken and stretch the muscles, and place dangerous pressure on sensitive body organs," she said. "A rise in tumour growth and cancer among women is not inconceivable."

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Clare Booth Luce "for her chic chassie."—Our Own Correspondent.

The Limit

The Administrators in Palestine, whose careers would be cut short, would receive adequate compensation, added Mr. Bevin.

Methodist Budget

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Dec. 14. The Methodist Church should take a more active part in formulating United States foreign policy, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York said today.

The Church should provide "competent men to represent the moral opinion of the world at the places where decisions are made," the Bishop told delegates to the annual session of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Among missionary budget allocations proposed to the Board of Missions for the next four years were US\$1,719,000 for India, US\$165,000 for Burma, US\$192,000 for Malaya, US\$200,000 for the Philippines, US\$457,000 for China, US\$250,000 for Korea and US\$163,400 for Japan.

The money would be used for new buildings, equipment and modernisation of existing facilities.—Associated Press.

PONTIFF TO SPEAK

Vatican City, Dec. 14. Vatican sources said today that Pope Pius will address the Cardinals on Christmas Eve. As in past years he is likely to deal with issues of major concern to the Church and the world.

The speech will be a reply to Christmas greetings conveyed by the Dean of Cardinals, 95-year-old Cardinal Giacomo Pignatelli di Belmonte. It will be broadcast.

The Vatican has neither confirmed nor denied reports that the Pope may use the occasion, as he did two years ago, to announce creation of new Cardinals. The College has three vacancies.—Associated Press.

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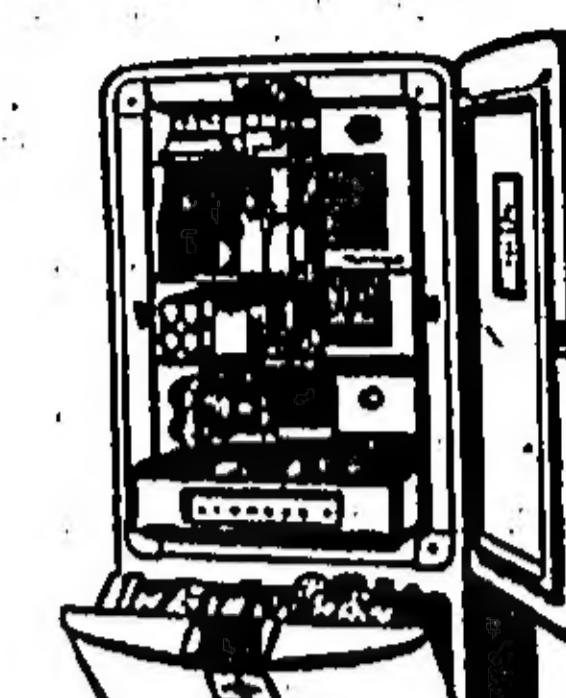
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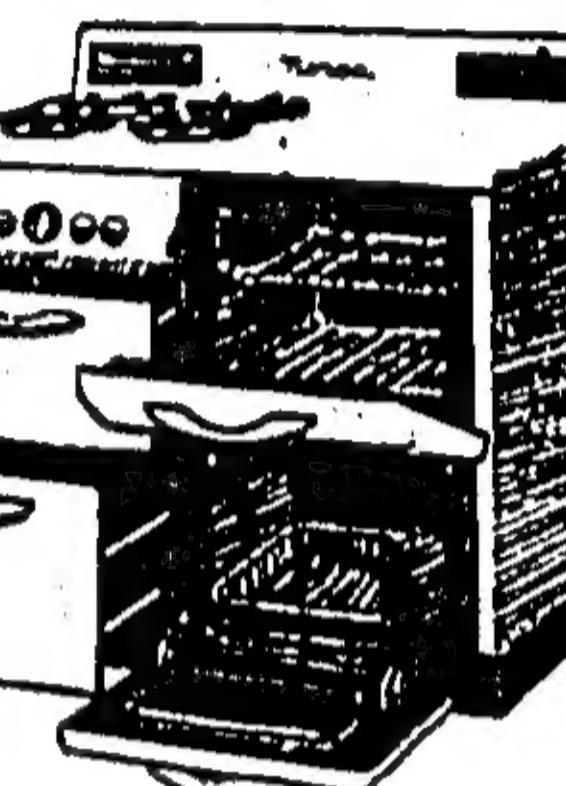
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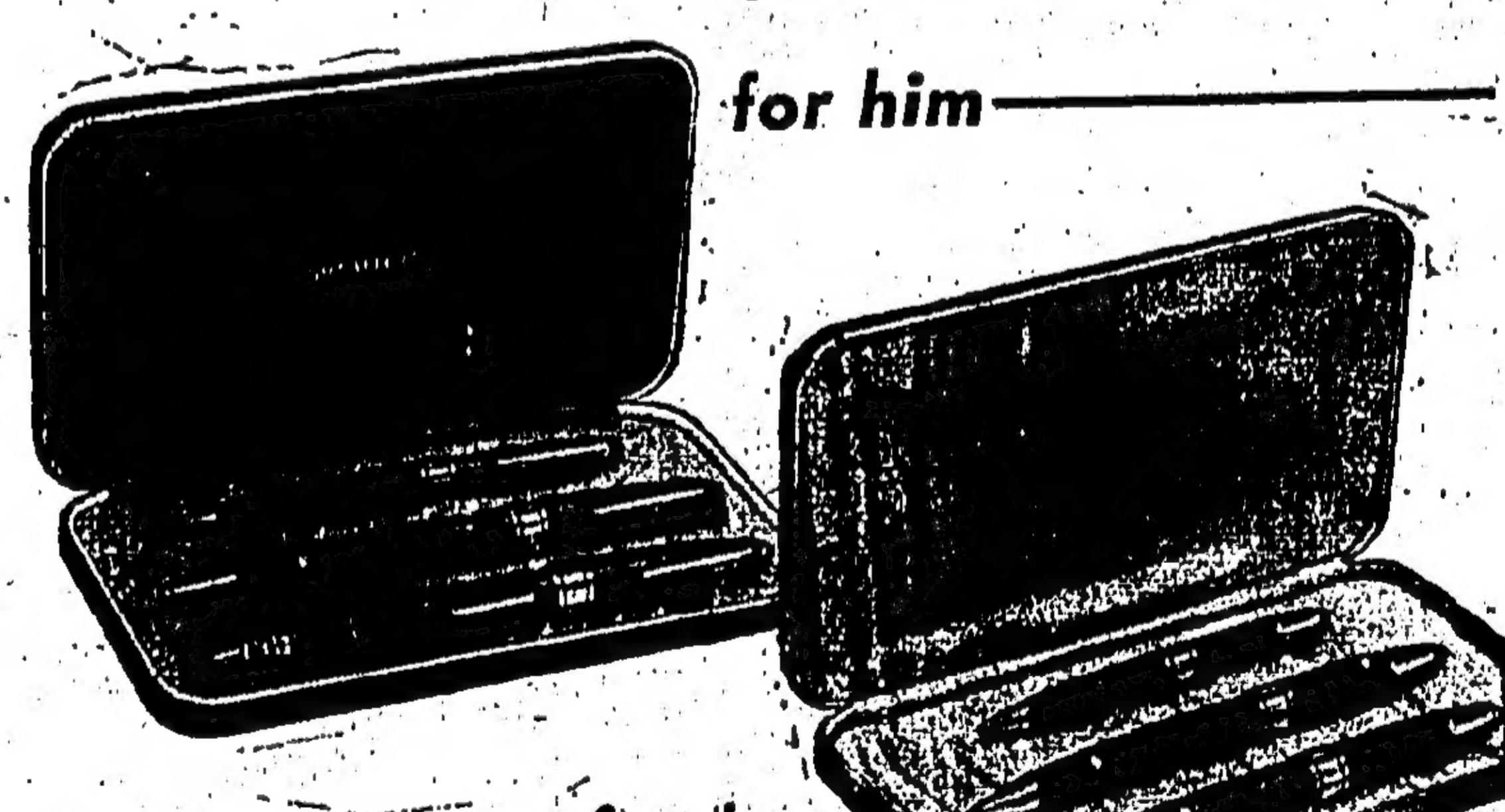
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necessary to convert:—

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(b) the Issued Capital of
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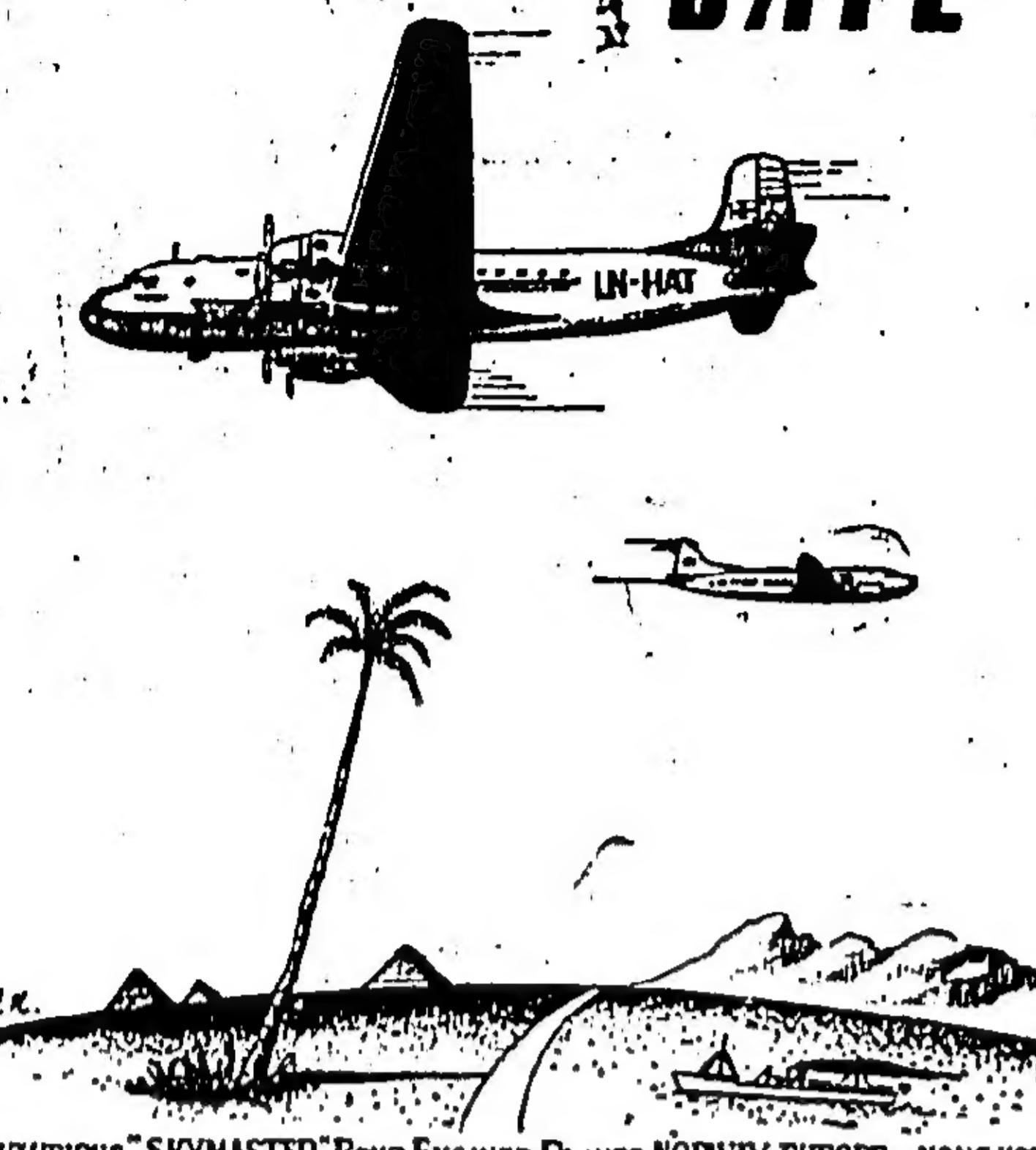
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BRITAIN AND JAP TREATY

Big Power Veto Privileges Opposed

Russia's Demand Opposed

London, Dec. 14. Britain today registered firm opposition to giving the major powers veto privileges in drafting a Japanese peace treaty and rejected Russia's demand that preliminary treaty discussions be limited to the major powers.

The anti-veto stand was designed to avoid the deadlocks and delays which have blocked agreements on Germany and Austria.

In separate notes to the Chinese and Russian Governments, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin served notice that Britain would hold out for full equal participation by all nations with "vital interests" in the Far Eastern Commission.

Mr. Bevin urged a preliminary treaty conference early next year because "an early re-establishment of peace and normal conditions in the Far East is of paramount importance."

Under a U.S. proposal, the participating countries would comprise those on the Far Eastern Commission—the United States, Britain, China, Russia, France, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

Bevin's Contention

Britain accepted the U.S. invitation. Russia and China made counter-proposals. Original plans to hold the meeting last autumn were deferred because of inability to reach agreement. The U.S. made clear unofficially that a peace conference will be held ultimately regardless of Russia's decision on attendance.

Mr. Bevin said in his note to Russia and China that "any procedure involving the right of the veto could only delay the conclusion of an early settlement and would conflict with the principle of equitable representation of the interests of all the principal combatants."

Britain suggested that the decision on questions of substance should be reached by a straight two-thirds vote of participating countries. China had advocated a two-thirds rule, with the stipulation that the majority must include the concurring votes of China, Russia, the U.S. and Britain.

Inappropriate

To Russia, Mr. Bevin said the Soviet suggestion for limiting preliminary Japanese discussions to the big powers was "inappropriate." He added: "His Majesty's Government consider that all these countries which are specially concerned

in the settlement with Japan, by reason not only of their contributions to the defeat of Japan, but also of the degree to which they suffered from Japanese aggression, and of their vital interests in the future peaceful development of the Pacific area, are entitled to be represented as parties principal in that settlement."

The note said that "their exclusion would prejudice the efficacy of a settlement in which they have the right to be consulted fully at every stage."—Associated Press.

BRITAIN ROUNDS THE RECOVERY CORNER

London, Dec. 14. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, praising the British people's production effort that has raised coal and steel output to record levels, said last night that Britain has rounded "recovery corner" in the battle against national bankruptcy.

"Let us look at the facts and figures and be proud of ourselves as a people," Mr. Morrison declared in a nationwide radio broadcast.

His speech, entitled "The Government, the Opposition and the Nation," said that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his Conservative

Party had made Britain's economic plight an excuse for partisan attack on the Socialist Government.

Quiet Confidence

Mr. Churchill's recent call to "set the people free" by removing Government controls—including the curb on prices, Mr. Morrison said, would make "a paradise for profiteers, a hell for everyone else."

Reporting 1,500,000 more people employed than pre-war, a volume of imports one-fifth greater than in 1938, transport increase despite deterioration of the nation's railways and boosts in coal and steel production, Mr. Morrison declared, "I am the last to start cheering before the game is won, but these are figures to give you quiet confidence in the outcome."

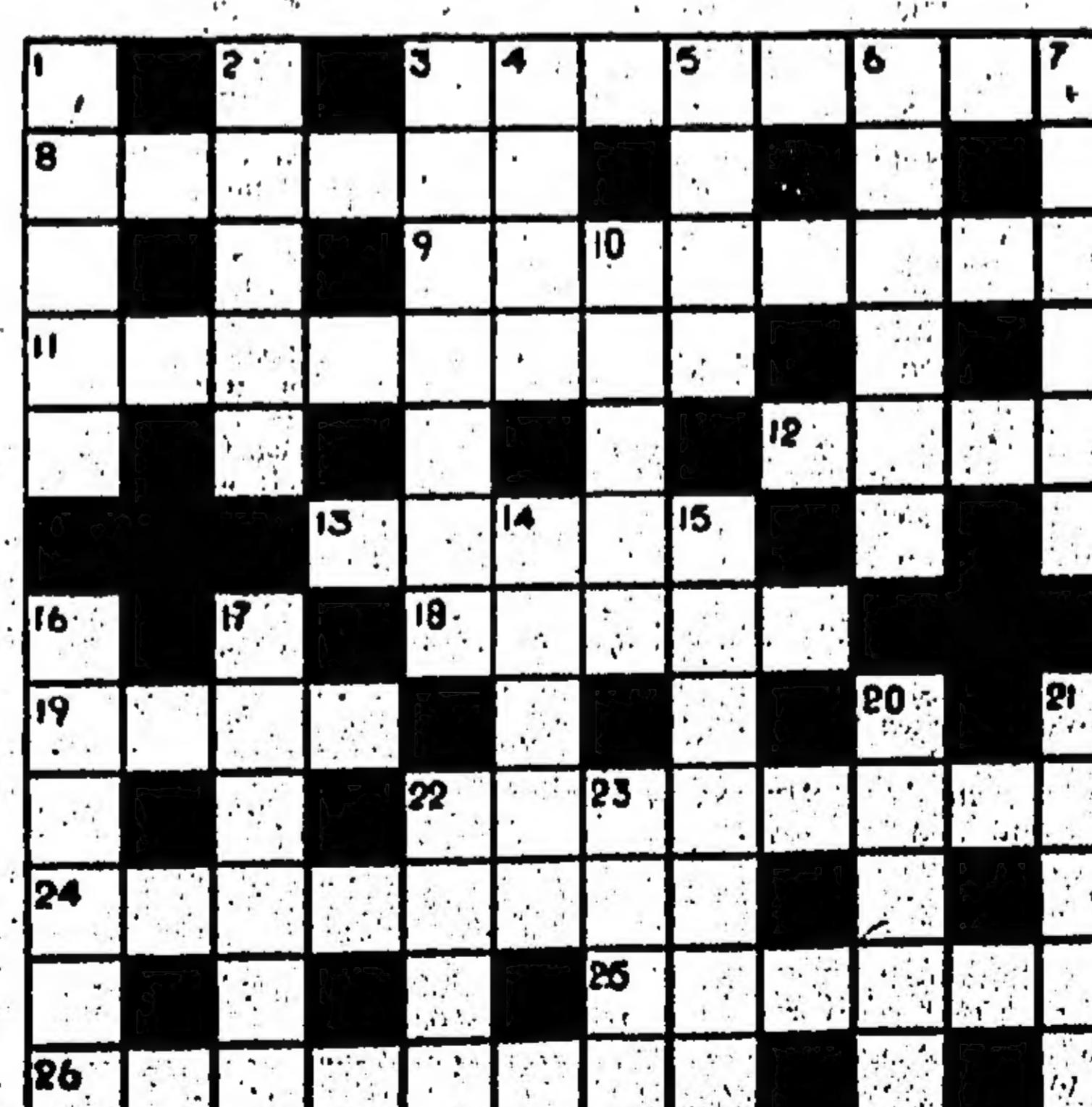
Red Policy

Communist policy in Europe "might well provoke a triumph of some sort of Fascism," Mr. Morrison declared.

Speaking of events in France and Italy, he said that Communists who slavishly follow their orders from outside their own country have embarked on reckless and violent policies.

"I hope that the democracy of France and Italy will win through. I believe our French and Italian friends are going through really tough times. Our thoughts and goodwill are with them."—Associated Press.

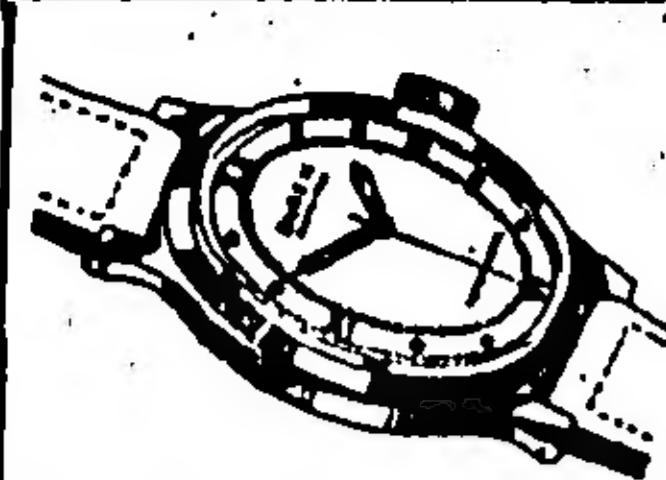
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Saturday's Crossword

Across—1. Proposer. 7. Prior. 8. Prolifer. 10. Latent. 11. Spine. 12. Troop. 13. Dredge. 14. Duct. 15. Resent



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RESULTS AT A
GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION		
K. Motor Bus	4	St. Joseph's
25th R.A.	6	Inniskillings
Sing Tao	6	4
Police	2	K. Motor Bus
Tai Kok	1	St. Joseph's
SECOND DIVISION "A"		
Signals	12	Electric
R.A.M.C.	5	C. Cadre
Club	2	R.A.S.C.
South China	2	R.A.
SECOND DIVISION "B"		

Strengthened by the inclusion of Chui Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho, of Eastern, Sing Tao yesterday had to fight every inch against Inniskillings in their First Division game at the Valley. They just managed to scrape through by five goals to four.

At Sookpung a weak St. Joseph's side accounted for 25th Royal Artillery by winning by six clear goals. At Boundary Road, Kowloon, Motor Bus beat Inniskillings 4 to 1.

St. Joseph's registered the "double" when their junior team trounced Tai Kok by 6-1.

Signals inflicted a heavy defeat on Electric by winning by 12 clear goals.

RESULTS

Sing Tao — Inniskillings

In a fast and thrilling game on the Club Ground at Happy Valley, Sing Tao, reinforced by Chu Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho, formerly of Eastern, just managed to beat Inniskillings by 5 goals to 4, after being held to a two all draw at the interval.

Inniskillings put up a great fight and if their forwards had only displayed a little more understanding and standiness when in front of goal, the result would undoubtedly have been different.

Sing Tao did not give a very impressive display, their defence being somewhat slow.

Inniskillings started the offensive in the start and the Sing Tao goal had a narrow escape when Hunter centred beautifully but the ball was missed by the inside men as it went across the goalmouth.

Ten minutes after the start, Pung King-cheung opened the scoring with a fine cross shot from inside the penalty area.

In the next minute, Chu Wing-keung put Sing Tao further ahead as he dashed through to send the ball crashing to the top of the net from close range.

Inniskillings attacked strongly after this reverse and before half had levelled the score through Burns and Kieran.

On resumption, Sing Tao attacked desperately and the Inniskilling defence was given a gruelling time as shots were sent in from all directions.

Three more goals were scored

St. Joseph's: McDougal; Brown and Hussain; Rumjahn, Afrina and Xavier; Persia, Leonard, Gomes and Gomes.

R.A.S.C.: Wylie, Shuker and Crookshank; Hanworth, Scott and Nassau; Dennis, Shaw, Russell, Rice and Bellman.

According to yesterday's play, A.M. should be more than a match for Shields, while U.M. had the decided edge on Alf. Hall, when the Omar rink clashed with Hall's rink in the Semi-Finals or Saturday.

Jock McKele's men gave it a very poor exhibition yesterday, and their defeat of 24 shots (31-7) came as a surprise to even those who fully expected them to lose.

The three Omars played a brilliant game, A.M. was in excellent form and so was U.M.

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PARCELS FOR BRITAIN

To help the Parcels for Britain Fund a special screening of the film "Colonel Blimp" is scheduled to take place in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. The film has been kindly loaned by Messrs Eagle-Lion Distributors.

Tickets are available at \$5 and \$8 and are on sale at Messrs S. Moutrel & Co.

**FOKIS CLASH OVER
PIG'S BLOOD**

An argument among the fokis at the Slaughter House at Kowloon, over the rights of possession of congealed pig's blood, yesterday threatened to develop into a nasty situation.

The matter was however, soon settled when the Emergency Unit arrived after receiving a telephone call from the Sanitary Inspector in charge.

U.S. Produces New Super - Swimmer

Lafayette (Indiana), Dec. 14. Keith Carter, sophomore tank star, with being the first human to swim the 100 yard breast stroke in less than one minute.

Carter was timed at 59.4 seconds for the distance in the annual Purdue aquacade.

The recognised world record is 1:00.0, set by R.R. Hough of Princeton in 1939.

The Purdue sophomore was timed at 1:05.4 for 100 meters, compared with Hough's world record of 1:07.3.

He swam the 100-yard free style in 37.6 seconds, compared with Johnny Weissmuller's accepted American record of 58.4 seconds set 25 years ago.—Associated Press.

HOME FOOTBALL:

Arsenal Come Back With A Rush

London, Dec. 13. After scraping around for several weeks for an odd goal here and there, Arsenal, leading the First Division of the English Football League, came back with a rush today by scoring four goals without reply in their game against Grimsby Town, bottom Club of the League.

Meantime, Arsenal's nearest challengers, Burnley and Preston North End, also chalked up wins in matches away from home territory.

Burnley scored a narrow win at Huddersfield 1-0 and Preston won a grim game against Blackpool by the same margin.

Two surprises in First Division soccer were the away wins of Charlton and Liverpool. Charlton's defense has conceded a crop of goals recently but against Sunderland it was very firm and behind Newcastle by defeating Blackpool 2-1.

Third Division clubs of the Southern and Northern sections played out the second round of the Football Association Challenge Cup. Big league clubs came into the tournament on Jan. 10—the date of the third round.

Among many surprises in cup games Tommy Lawton's club Notts County was held to a 1-1 draw by Stockton after extra time had been played.

Crystal Palace away from home beat Bristol City 1-0 in extra time and Colchester United, a non-league club, put out Wrexham of the Third Division 2-1.

A service was given over a thousand people, the remains of the mother of Dr. Ma Luk were laid to rest at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam, yesterday afternoon.

A service was first held at the residence of Dr. Ma Luk, Fir House, Pokfulam. After the service a procession proceeded to the cemetery.

The Rev. C.L. Cheung officiated at both services.

The chief mourners were: Dr. Ma Yuk, son and Drs. C.C. and C.L. Ma, grandsons.

POLICE REGISTER FIRST SOFTBALL WIN Filipinos Give Recs A Scare

(By "Grandstand")

Sparked by Jeff Dempsey's pitching the Police registered their first win of the season over Doc Molthen's Baseballers 10-7, while the Saints whitewashed a depleted Rover nine 12-0 behind Sherry Bux's one-hit hurling performance.

A reinforced Filipino side gave Tony Goncalves Romblon Recs a scare with the count deadlocked one-all for four frames, but the Islanders lost the verdict 8-4 when the end came.

South China succumbed to the Merry Madcaps 9-2 in the feature game, whilst the Canadians trampled over the V.R.C. 30-10.

In the Ladies loop, the Aces accounted for the Bees 16-6 while the Wildcats routed the Canaries 19-11 in a game of errors, a total of 21 being chalked up.

The Saints spent the morning practising batting at the ex-

A Beggar Goes South By Plane

Lisbon, Dec. 14. Jose Gorrita, shabby 60-year-old beggar, who garnered \$3,000 by playing the violin in the streets of Tangier, left by plane on Saturday for Venezuela where he plans to spend the rest of his days in comfort. He is flying via New York.—United Press.

miting four errors less than the opposition, lost a game. If it isn't true you can cut my legs off and call me shortly.

BOX SCORES

	AB	R	H	POA	E
BEES	4	0	1	4	0
S. Silva	2	0	1	2	0
A. Xavier	2	0	1	2	0
B. Remedios	3	1	1	3	0
C. Montoir	0	1	1	2	0
V. Franco	3	1	1	4	1
C. Luz	0	0	0	0	0
T. Marques	1	1	1	0	0
I. Marchado	1	2	0	0	0
V. Roza	1	2	0	0	0
G. Silva	1	0	0	0	0
A. Brooks	0	0	0	0	0
	30	0	18	11	6
Runs	4	0	0	2	0
Hits	0	0	0	1	0
ACES	3	1	1	2	1

Obituary

Mrs. Ma Luk

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PROBATES GRANTED

Local estate, sworn under \$11,680, was left by the late Mr. Thomas Pritchard, master mariner, formerly of "Talarfor" South Beach, Pwllheli in the County of Caernarfon, who died on war service on Aug. 10, 1944. An application for sealing certified copy of Letters of administration to the estate of the deceased has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, solicitor.

The late Mr. Garnet Beauchamp Walter, formerly of Coombe Cottage, Middle Coombe, Shaftesbury in the County of Dorset, and of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Calcutta, who died at the Salisbury Infirmary on Mar. 5, 1943, left local estate sworn under \$2,700.

An application for sealing certified copy of Letters of administration has been granted to Mr. C. D. Shadie, Barrister-at-Law, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Trustee) Ltd.

Only six bungles were made compared to the ten committed by the Aces. Bee Hot Corner guardian Yolille Franco being responsible for four miffs.

But Yolille may be pardoned, for she was labouring under the impression that the plate umpire was playing for the wrong side.

This is the first tilt on record this season in which a side com-

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